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Medical Officer's Annual Report.

Dr. Hannah, Medical Officer, presented his annual ort, in which he stated that the general death e, calculated upon a population of 4,604, was 5 per 1,000, as compared with 23.5 in 1893. The notic death rate was 1.08 per 1,000, against 6.0 1893. With a decrease in the general death rate, ich when raised was invariably due to epidemic, l particularly to those amongst children, together h wasting diseases of infancy, they found the antile death rate, although retaining something an average Lancashire percentage, of course lower n usual. Last year it was 143 per 1,000, against in 1893, and a mean of 162 for the decade, ich was a favourable turn. The total number births was 181, and deaths 80. The number of ectious cases notified was 20. With regard to kness during the year from smallpox they had n remarkably free during the last 19 years, one e (fatal) only having been recorded during that g period. From cholera, and also typhus, a fever ectly associated with poverty, filth, and over-owding, they had had absolute immunity during e same period. Partial isolation was carried out far as practicable. Two cases of typhoid fever re notified. The Council seemed to have con-lerable trouble in the way of nuisance from ultry and pigeon keeping. Pens of all sizes were ected in the backyards, often small enough to begin th, frequently against the inside ashpit door, ren-ring such convenience quite useless, and leading domestic refuse being thrown about the back ssages. The practice was far too common, and ist be stamped out. After an exhaustive survey the work accomplished, Dr. Hannah mentioned at in October the question of hos-tal accommodation was mooted, and as anticipated that in the near future pressure would put upon all authorities absolutely without, he ggested that arrangements might be made with eigh on the one hand, and Ashton on the other. e had found, especially in relation to property ected during the last two or three years, a much eaner and tidier condition of things. The clean-g of the ashpits, collectively, had shown improve-ent. With regard to sewage disposal at Lilly-lane, here they had a contract with Ashtton, the latter dy completed their new works for that district March last, and so far they had given satisfaction, proved by samples of the effluent water. Regard-g their larger scheme, negotiations were in progress r the acquisition of the necessary land. The con-ction of Plank-lane with the Leigh main should courage them to take active measures for im-oving the general sanitary condition of Talbot-rd. d vicinity. Some of the property required uctural repairs. In sanitation they ought to see at the poorer members of the community had a cent, healthy dwelling, that the surroundings of e same should be kept clean and free from all urces of germ producing matter, fresh air circulat-g round the properties, and strive to encourage mestic cleanliness inside by securing it outside, dryness of surface of yards, courts, back passages, . The question of undertaking the removal of ghtsoil was also worthy of consideration by the ouncil.—Consideration of the report was deferred.

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